

FCPF Carbon Fund Twenty-Ninth (CF29) Meeting


January 26-31, 2024

Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan & Hotel La Baie des Sirènes, Grand-Béréby

Côte d'Ivoire

LOGISTICS NOTE

DATES	<p>Please plan to arrive in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire by Saturday, January 25th, at the latest. The SCALE Participants Technical Committee, to which all CF29 meeting attendees are invited, will be held on Sunday, January 26, starting at 11am.</p> <p>The Carbon Fund Meeting takes place from Monday, January 27 until Wednesday, January 29, followed by a field trip on Thursday, January 30. Participants will return to Abidjan on Friday, January 31 for onward travel.</p> <p>An optional extended field trip, with limited space available, takes place on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1. Those participating in the extended field trip will return to Abidjan on Sunday, February 2.</p>
HOTEL INFORMATION ABIDJAN (25-29 January)	<p>For FCPF-funded participants – <u>Radisson Blu Hotel</u>, Bd de l'Aéroport, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Telephone: +225 27 21 2 22000.</p> <p>Self-funded participants (donors and WB staff) will also stay in the same hotel (Radisson Blu). A block booking has been made for those who have registered, though self-funded participants will need to pay upon check-</p>

	<p>in. Please send your arrival time to FCPF Secretariat fcpfsecretariat@worldbank.org for airport shuttles.</p> <p>For FCPF-funded participants only, the FMT has already reserved rooms, checking in on Saturday, January 25th and departing on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, unless you have notified us about different travel needs. Your accommodation will be paid directly by the FMT, therefore, you do not need to pay at check-out. However, you will need to cover any incidental expenses (such as room service, phone calls, etc.). Please note that it is standard in Abidjan for hotels to request a credit card hold or cash deposit upon your arrival to cover incidentals, which is participant’s responsibility. The World Bank will not cover the costs associated with hotel stays en route/in transit.</p>
<p>HOTEL INFORMATION GRAND-BÉRÉBY (29-31 January)</p>	<p>The Hotel La Baie des Sirènes, Grand-Béréby, Côte d’Ivoire. Telephone: +225 07 77 78 34 34.</p> <p>For FCPF-funded participants only, the FMT has already reserved rooms, checking in on Wednesday, January 29 and departing on Friday, January 31, 2025. </p> <p>For self-funded participants, a block booking has been made to reserve rooms for all participants, but self-funded participants will need to pay for their rooms upon check-in.</p>
<p>DOMESTIC TRANSPORT</p>	<p>The FMT will arrange all domestic transport and cover the cost for these transfers. This includes the flight or bus from Abidjan to Grand-Béréby on Wednesday, January 29, the field trip on Thursday, January 30, and the bus from Grand-Béréby back to Abidjan on Friday morning, January 31.</p>

<p>FIELD TRIP</p> <p>(30 January)</p>	<p>Full day field trip inside the Tai national park area and its surroundings.</p>
<p>EXTENDED FIELD TRIP</p>	<p>The FMT is organizing a small-scale <u>optional extended</u> field trip for a maximum of 12 participants in the ER Program Area, adding a visit to the western part of the Tai National Park. This field trip is not part of the CF29 meetings and would take an additional 2 days on Friday and Saturday, with departure from Côte d'Ivoire delayed until Sunday. One group of 6 participants (Group A) would conduct forest walks and visit the Hanna River (moderately strenuous with comfortable accommodation) while a second group of 6 participants (Group B) would visit the Chimpanzee Camp (strenuous and basic, tented accommodation).</p> <p>Please notify FMT as soon as possible, but no later than Dec 18, 2024, if you are interested in participating in this extended field trip. The costs of this trip are covered by the FCPF.</p>
<p>VISA INFORMATION</p>	<p>Most participants will need a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire, which must be obtained <u>online</u>. The FMT has already provided an invitation letter to all participants who requested visa assistance. Please note that the mandatory vaccination for travel to Côte d'Ivoire is yellow fever. For the field trip, we recommend malaria medication and mosquito repellent as precautionary measures.</p>

<p>FLIGHT AND TRANSIT INFORMATION</p>	<p>For FCPF-funded participants only, flight arrangements are already made by American Express (AMEX) – the World Bank’s travel agency. If you have not received an itinerary from AMEX yet, please contact Sanjeeth Thomas at athomas6@worldbank.org and copy fcpfsecretariat@worldbank.org as soon as possible. Please note that any flight arrangements that are not booked by the World Bank’s travel agency will not be reimbursed. NOTE: after the ticket is issued, it cannot be changed or cancelled.</p>
<p>PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS AT HOME</p>	<p>IN-OUT TRANSPORTATION: Abidjan International Airport (ABJ) is located about 600 meters from the hotel.</p> <p>FCPF-funded participants can claim up to a maximum of USD 40 for taxis for transport to the airport, upon submission of original receipts.</p> <p>PER DIEM: Per diem may not be claimed when en route to the destination nor can it be claimed on the day of return to your duty station, depending on your departure time. Please note that the per diem will be adjusted when breakfast and/or lunch are provided by organizers. The World Bank has added <u>eWallet to reimburse your per diems and strongly advises the participants to register [PayPal Account] to get their per diems reimbursed.</u></p>
<p>WEATHER INFORMATION</p>	<p>Weather in Abidjan</p>
<p>LOCAL CURRENCY</p>	<p>Currency code XOF - West African CFA franc</p>
<p>MEETING ROOMS</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>ELECTRICITY</p>	<p>Côte d’Ivoire uses the Type-C electrical standards (‘Europlug’, 50 hz/220–240 volts)</p>

MAP FROM
AIRPORT TO THE
HOTEL

Radisson Blu Hotel, Bd de l'Aéroport, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

